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ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING

Asbestos awareness training

Standards: 29 CFR 1926.1101 (construction) and 29 CFR 1910.1001 (general industry)

About 45 minutes, with a 10-question quiz

39 slides | About 45 minutes | 10-question quiz

English + Spanish

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MODULE 1

The hazard: fibers you cannot see

- [ ] Asbestos is a group of minerals that includes chrysotile, amosite and crocidolite. — 1926.1101(b)
- [ ] Asbestos-containing material, or ACM, is any material with more than one percent asbestos. — 1926.1101(b)
- [ ] When ACM is cut, drilled, sanded or broken, it can release fibers too small to see.
- [ ] Breathing those fibers can cause lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis, often many years later.
- [ ] Smoking and asbestos exposure together increase the risk of lung cancer. — 1926.1101(m)(4)(i)(D)
- [ ] You cannot tell whether a material contains asbestos just by looking at it.

29 CFR 1926.1101(b) · 1926.1101(m)(4)(i)(D)

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Crew handout

Asbestos awareness: crew handout

29 CFR 1926.1101, 1910.1001

Do

- Ask for the owner's asbestos information before you cut, drill, sand or tear out in an older building
- Treat pipe and boiler insulation, sprayed ceilings and old flooring as asbestos until tests show otherwise
- Read warning signs and labels, and ask if you do not understand them
- Stop work and tell your supervisor if you find material that might be asbestos
- Keep people away from suspect material or dust until it has been checked
- Leave cleanup to trained workers using wet methods, HEPA vacuums and leak-tight containers
- Wear the respirator and protective clothing your job requires, the way you were trained
- Keep dusty work clothes out of your car and home

Don't

- Dry sweep or shovel asbestos debris, or blow it off with compressed air
- Use a shop vacuum without a HEPA filter
- Sand, scrape or break suspect material, or break off a piece to check it
- Enter a regulated area unless you are trained and authorized
- Eat, drink, smoke or chew gum or tobacco in a regulated area
- Use a disposable dust mask for asbestos work

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Remember **If you are not sure a material is asbestos-free, do not disturb it: stop, keep people away and ask.**